After the award or if no award was won, the processor 15 determines at 56 if the player has prompted re-shuffling of the deck data of the first data structure 30. The player may prompt reconfiguration and reconstitution of the deck data of the first data structure 30 into data representing a shuffled, random, serially ordered full deck by touching shuffle button 58 (FIG. 1). The processor 15 reconfigures and reconstitutes the deck data of the first data structure 30 into data representing cards N_1 - N_{52} for the fifty-two card deck. The display 12 would also be controlled to show the constitution of the deck data at table 34. The player may command re-shuffling where the deck constitution, for the next hand of play, is not what the player desires, e.g. is completely depleted of Aces thus making a Blackjack impossible for the next hand.

If the player does not command re-shuffling, re-shuffling may be commanded based upon the count of the card data which has been displayed or additionally or alternatively, the number of hands which have been played since re-shuffling of the deck. According to the preferred embodiment, where penetration into the deck data or the number of hands of play reaches a predetermine number, the processor 15 commands reconfiguration and reconstitution of the deck data. For example, if the count exceeds 30 cards, e.g. (N_1 - N_{31}), at 60 the deck data is reshuffled before the play of the next hand. Or, if four hands have been played, re-shuffling may be triggered.

Also one or more triggers at 62 may trigger re-shuffling and reconstitution of the deck. For example, where all the Aces have been depleted from the deck (making a Blackjack impossible), re-shuffling may be triggered before the play of the next hand.

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Baccarat is played in the same manner as illustrated in FIG. 4 and described above. The difference is the exposure of all cards and the known draw rules for Baccarat to complete the Player and Banker hands therefor.

5   The device and method may also be applied to other casino card games such as modified Blackjack, Baccarat or Poker games. Further the method can also be employed in a table game using one or more decks of cards and a card reader to read cards as they are distributed to players.

10   While I have described certain embodiments of the present invention, it should be understood that it is subject to many modifications and changes without departing from the spirit and scope of the appended claims.